



## **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

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Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find the Decision Notice (DN) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) concerning its proposal to acquire the hard-rock mineral rights (HRMR) for 29,488 acres of its 40,806-acre Fish Creek Wildlife Management Area and State Park ("Fish Creek Property"), from CR Montana Corporation. FWP already has the HRMR to approximately 5,500 acres of its Fish Creek Property, which was acquired in 2010 and is located west of Alberton in Mineral County. This HRMR purchase would ensure no mineral exploration or extraction activities would occur under the majority of FWP's Fish Creek Property, thus meeting many of the objectives for which the property was originally purchased.

This DN is available for review in Helena at FWP's Headquarters, the State Library and the Environmental Quality Council. It also may be obtained from the Region 2 FWP Headquarters or viewed on FWP's Internet website at <http://fwp.mt.gov> ("News," then "Public Notices").

In consideration of the Draft EA and the DN, we will recommend that the Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission approve this proposed purchase of the hard-rock mineral rights for FWP's Fish Creek property, at its August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting in Helena. Approval will also be necessary from the Montana Board of Land Commissioners. Both the Commission and Land Board meetings are open to the public.

Sincerely,

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